GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Criteria/Reservation Policy for RO/Gas Agencies/CNG Pumps
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms/criteria laid down by the Government for allotment of LPG agencies, petrol pumps and CNG pumps in the country;
(b) whether any kind of reservation/ quota for the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs)/Other Backward Classes/Ex-servicemen/ Defence Personnel has been prescribed in allotment of petrol pumps/ gas agencies/CNG pumps and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there are some restrictions for oil companies to increase LPG agencies/ petrol pumps; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to increase the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies in the country, State/UT/Oil Marketing Companies-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) & (b)
With regard to LPG
The main norms/criteria laid down in the revised guidelines, namely, Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG Distributorships 2016, are as under :-
i. Applicant shall be an Indian citizen and be a resident of India.
ii. Should have passed minimum Xth standard examination or equivalent from a recognised Board. The criterion of educational qualification is not applicable for applicant belonging to Freedom Fighter (FF) category.
iii. Applicant shall be of 21 years and not more than 60 years in age as on the date of advertisement.
iv. There is no age restriction for applicants applying for locations reserved under FF category.
v. Shall not be a family member of employee of OMC as on date of application.
vi. Shall fulfil Multiple Dealership/Distributorship norms.
vii. Shall not be a signatory to distributorship/dealerships agreement, terminated on account of proven cases of malpractices/adulteration.
viii. Shall Own a plot of land of minimum dimensions for construction of LPG godown or Own a ready LPG cylinder storage godown as on the last date for submission of application.
Reservation in allotment of LPG distributorship is at Annexure-I.
The detailed guidelines namely "Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG Distributorships" is available on the website http://www.petroleum.nic.in
With regard to Retail Outlet
The main features of norms and criteria prescribed for allotment of Petrol Pumps operated by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the country are given in Annexure-II. The detailed guidelines in this regard are available on the respective websites of the OMCs.
With regard to CNG Pumps
Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is marketed by City Gas Distribution (CGD) companies either through existing retail outlets offered by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) or through standalone CNG stations. Based on Expression of Interest (EOI) received and the potential of Geographical Area (GA) identified by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), PNGRB invites bids, evaluates them and awards authorization to an entity for laying, building and operating of CGD network in such GA. As and when such CGD entity approaches OMCs for setting up of CNG facilities, Retail Outlets (ROs) of OMCs are offered considering the availability of sufficient space at the outlet as per norms of Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) and potential CNG demand in the area. Standalone CNG stations are set up only by City Gas Distribution (CGD) companies who have their own selection guidelines for setting up CNG stations.
(c) & (d) There is no restriction for Oil Companies to increase LPG agencies/Retail Outlets
Setting of LPG distributorships/Retail Outlets is a continuous process and locations are identified based on feasibility study of sale potential that makes them economically viable.
OMCs have advertised for 1531 locations in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Punjab. 56 new distributorships under Durgam Kshetriya Vitrak (DKV) category have been sanctioned to Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh Government on nomination basis. As on 14.03.2017, 1142 Letter of Intent (LOI) has been given to selected applicants and 741 new distributorships have been commissioned in the current financial year